

*Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement indicating his support for the two month payroll tax cut extension that will prevent a tax increase on over 100 million hardworking Americans.*

"I'm very disappointed that the House Republican leadership refuses to allow a straight up or down vote on a yearlong extension of the payroll tax cut. Instead, Republicans will only allow a vote on a yearlong extension if it also includes a series of other ideologically driven provisions that have nothing to do with taxes. As a result, we've been forced to come up with a short term plan so that families don't see their taxes increase in two weeks when the current law expires.

"The Senate approved a compromise bill this weekend with overwhelming bipartisan support, but now House Republicans, who initially committed to the deal, are backing out. While the compromise bill coming up for a vote tonight is far from ideal, it is our only real chance of preventing a tax hike on working New Yorkers, which is why I will vote for it. I hope enough of my House Republican colleagues do the same and buck their party leadership after they realize the hardship that would be placed on tens of millions of households if this bill fails."